

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 and 17 by rewriting the same as follows:

1. A headpiece assembly comprising:

a visor portion including a visor connected to a hatband, the hatband having an uninterrupted outer surface, ~~and~~ an inner surface and a lower edge, a first portion of a continuous fastening mechanism being positioned on the inner surface and concealed from view by the outer surface of the hatband, the fastening mechanism having an upper edge;

a crown portion having a generally domed shape defining a top and a lower edge, a second portion of the continuous fastening mechanism being positioned on the lower edge of the crown portion, the first portion being suitably positioned on the inner surface of the hatband such that when the first portion and the second portion are connected, the outer surface of the hatband conceals the continuous fastening mechanism; and

a sweatband portion including a sweatband, the sweatband portion running the length of the inner surface of the hatband, the sweatband portion having a lower edge attached to the lower edge of the hatband, the ~~sweat band~~ portion having a free upper edge positioned below the upper edge of the fastening mechanism.

2. The headpiece assembly of claim 1, wherein the hatband is attached to an adjustable connecting mechanism.

3. The headpiece assembly of claim 1, wherein the ~~hatband includes a sweatband~~ is made

from an absorbent material.

4. The headpiece assembly of claim 1, wherein the continuous fastening mechanism is a zipper.

5. The headpiece assembly of claim 2, wherein the adjustable connecting mechanism is a hook and loop device.

6. The headpiece assembly of claim 3, wherein the sweatband ~~is connected to the inner surface of the hatband and~~ provides a retaining bias.

7. The headpiece assembly of claim 1, wherein the union of the first portion and second portion of the continuous fastening mechanism define a channel between the outside surface of the crown portion and a rim on the inside surface of the hatband.

8. A three position headpiece comprising:

~~a first position wherein~~ a headpiece includes a crown portion removably connected with a visor portion, a hatband connected to the visor portion having an inner side, a lower edge and an outer side, a continuous fastening mechanism positioned for connecting the crown portion to visor portion, a first portion of the continuous fastening mechanism positioned on the inner side of the hatband and a second portion of the continuous fastening mechanism positioned on the crown, the fastening mechanism having an upper edge, the hatband being configured and dimensioned to conceal the continuous fastening mechanism when the crown portion and visor portion are fastened, a sweatband portion

running the length of the inner side of the hatband, the sweatband portion having a lower edge attached to the lower edge of the hatband, the sweat band having a free upper edge positioned below the upper edge of the fastening mechanism;

~~a second position~~ wherein the crown portion is may be removed from the visor portion and the headpiece is arranged to be worn solely as the visor portion, the first portion of the continuous fastening mechanism being positioned and concealed on the inner side of hatband; and

~~a third position~~ wherein the crown portion is may be removed from the visor portion and the headpiece is worn solely as a skull cap.

9. The headpiece of claim 8, wherein an adjustable connector is attached to the hatband.

10. The headpiece assembly of claim 8, wherein the ~~hatband includes a~~ sweatband portion is made from an absorbent material.

11. The headpiece assembly of claim 8, wherein the continuous fastening mechanism is a zipper.

12. The headpiece assembly of claim 8, wherein the hatband has an uninterrupted outer surface.

13. The headpiece assembly of claim 10, wherein the sweatband portion ~~is connected to~~

~~the inner surface of the hatband and~~ provides a retaining bias.

14. The headpiece assembly of claim 8, wherein the union of the first portion and second portion of the continuous fastening mechanism define a channel between the outside surface of the crown portion and a rim on the inside surface of the hatband.

15. A headpiece assembly comprising:

a visor portion including a visor connected to a hatband, the hatband having an upper edge, a lower edge, an outer surface, and an inner surface, the hatband being attached to an adjustable connecting mechanism;

a crown portion having a generally domed shape defining a top and a lower edge; ~~and~~

a continuous fastening mechanism having a first portion positioned at least partially on the inner surface of the hatband and a second portion positioned on the lower edge of the crown portion, the first portion being suitably positioned below the upper edge of the hatband such that the a channel is formed between the hatband and the crown portion for the collection and drainage of fluids from the crown portion, the fastening mechanism having an upper edge; and

a sweatband portion including a sweatband, the sweatband portion running the length of the inner surface of the hatband, the sweatband portion having a lower edge attached to the lower edge of the hatband, the sweat band having a free upper edge positioned below

the upper edge of the fastening mechanism.

16. The headpiece assembly of claim 15, wherein the outer surface of the hatband conceals the first portion of the continuous fastening mechanism when the visor portion is worn separately and conceals the both portions of the continuous fastening mechanism when the visor portion and crown portion are fastened together.

17. The headpiece assembly of claim 15, wherein the ~~hatband includes a sweatband~~ portion is made from an absorbent material.

18. The headpiece assembly of claim 15, wherein the attachment mechanism is a hook and loop device.

19. The headpiece assembly of claim 15, wherein the continuous fastening mechanism is a zipper.

20. The headpiece assembly of claim 1, wherein the outer surface of the hatband has an uninterrupted surface.